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Letter dated 13 June 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Please find attached herewith a summary of the statement by the Government of the Republic of Yemen issued on 12 June 2018 concerning the military situation in Hudaydah province (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement of 12 June 2018 by the Government of the Republic of Yemen on liberating Hudaydah (summary)

The Government of the Republic of Yemen reaffirms its commitment to continue the liberation of all areas in Yemen from the grips of the Houthi militia.

The Government reiterates what President Abdrabuh Mansour Hadi has stated: that it has for a long time been seeking a peaceful solution based on the three references for peace (the Gulf Cooperation Council initiative, the outcomes of the national dialogue conference and Security Council resolution 2216 (2015)) and has made many concessions to avoid a military solution; and that it cannot allow the continued exploitations of the suffering of the Yemeni people by the Houthis to prolong the conflict.

The Government further reiterates that, due to the continuation of the Houthis' practices, which exacerbate further the dire humanitarian situation in Hudaydah, and due to their continued spoiling of any attempts to reach a political solution to the Yemeni conflict, President Hadi has called on the National Army and the popular resistance supported by the Arab Coalition to liberate militarily the city and port of Hudaydah from the Houthis.

The Government further confirms that it has exhausted all peaceful and political means to remove the Houthis from Hudaydah and called, more than once, for the assistance of the international community to alleviate the dire humanitarian situation facing all Yemenis — and Hudaydah residents in particular — as a result of the Houthis' continued abuse of the port of Hudaydah and use of the port to smuggle Iranian weapons.

The Government regards the liberation of Hudaydah as a milestone on the path of restoring Yemen from the grip of the Houthis, which will mark the beginning of the Houthis' fall, secure navigation in the Bab al-Mandab strait and put an end to the Iranian intrusion.

The Government confirms that after liberating Hudaydah it will, with the support of the Arab Coalition, carry out its national duties towards its citizens by alleviating their suffering and restoring normal life to all districts of Hudaydah.